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TAGS: OEXC, BU(PARASHKEVOV, RADI DIMITROV)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF RADI PARASHKEVOV

STATE FOR CU/EE, EUR/EE
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REF: (A) STATE 176560; (B) SOFIA A-76

1. UNABLE TO CONTACT PARASHEVKOV TO DETERMINE HIS AVAILABILITY FOLLOWING ROCK MECHANICS CONFERENCE AND RELATED TOURS, EXTEND INVITATION, OR DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROGRAMMING UNTIL HE RETURNS TO SOFIA FROM LEAVE AUGUST 20.

2. ASSUMING HE IS AVAILABLE AND WOULD ACCEPT IVP INVITATION WOULD SUGGEST PROGRAM PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO FAMILIRIZE HIM WITH AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION IN GENERAL AND WITH THOSE UNIVERSITIES IN PARTICULAR WHICH HAVE ACTIVE BALKAN STUDIES PROGRAMS AND WHICH MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS WITH BULGARIAN UNIVERSITIES (SEE REF B). VISITS TO IIE IN NEW YORK AND MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE CU OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS EXCHANGES WOULD ALSO BE HIGHLY USEFUL SINCE PARASHKEVOV IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION OF COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNICAL PROGRESS AND HIGHER EDUCATION AND AS SUCH WILL BE KEY FIGURE IN DEVELOPMENT OF NON-SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF U.S.-BULGARIAN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES. HE SHOULD ALSO BE EXPOSED TO NON-SCIENTIFIC, NON-ACADEMEIC ASPECTS OF AMERICAN LIFE TO BALANCE HIS IMPRESSION OF THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS NOT

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BEEN TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE.

3. PARASHKEVOV DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. ALTHOUGH HIGHER INSTITUTE OF MINING ENGINEERING DEPUTY RECTOR PROF. IVAN TRIFONOV MINCHEV WILL ALSO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON ROCK MECHANICS AND MAY BE ABLE TO TRANSLATE FOR PARASHKEVOV DURING CONFERENCE AND SUBSEQUENT TOURS, WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO INCLUDE HIM IN ANY INVITATION THAT MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO PARASHKEVOV BUT RECOMMEND INSTEAD THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ESCORT/INTERPRETER.

4. MICHEV AND PARASHKEVOV WILL FUND OWN PARTICIPATION IN POST CONFERENCE TOURS.
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